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Dear Interested Party:

Following recommendations by the Washington State Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, the Department of Social and Health Services - Medical Assistance Administration (DSHS-MAA), the Health Care Authority - Uniform Medical Plan (UMP), and the Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) have named the following drugs as preferred in their respective therapeutic classes on the Washington State Preferred Drug List:

Inhaled Corticosteroids

Aerobid ®
Aerobid-M ®
Azmacort ®
Flovent ®
Flovent Rotadisk ®
Pulmicort - Respules ®
Qvar ®

Each agency will use the common PDL according to its benefit structure.

All agencies will implement the Inhaled Corticosteroids class on July 1, 2005.

If you have other questions or comments regarding this announcement, please contact Erika Clayton at (206) 521-2027 or by email at pdp@hca.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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